



THE POWER OF PHILANTHROPY

Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection

For students at risk of dropping out of school, one extra connection can make all the difference. Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection has been shown to improve high school graduation rates while reversing the multigenerational poverty directly linked to America's dropout crisis. And philanthropic support makes HW-SC possible.



A Proven Model

The heart of HW-SC's success is the close bond formed between each student and their Youth Advocate (YA), a dedicated Hillside professional who provides support in three vital areas:

ACADEMIC

The Youth Advocate forms strong lines of communication with teachers and families, to identify and eliminate potential roadblocks to a student's school success. Private support allows YAs to help more students, while also funding the delivery of individualized tutoring services that supplement traditional classroom learning.

JOB READINESS

At HW-SC's Jobs Institute, students define their career goals, build soft skills and acquire practical experience through the Youth Employment Training Academy. Following YETA certification, they can find part-time jobs with engaged businesses in their community, earning money while boosting their workforce skills. With increased philanthropic support, YETA can reach more youth in need.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Through regular check-ins with families and other community resources, the YA provides guidance and advice that helps participants stay focused and on course. With greater private funding, more at-risk young people can benefit from these vital wraparound services facilitated by skilled Youth Advocates.

Results and Community Impact

\$1 invested in HW-SC yields \$8.52 in community benefits over the lifetime of employed/YETA-certified HW-SC graduates. Benefit-Cost Analysis conducted by the University of Rochester.

HW-SC served more than 3,800 students across all regions in the 2018-2019 school year.

Over 6,500 high school diplomas have been earned by HW-SC students since 1987.

93% on-time graduation rate for youth who stay in HW-SC in grades 9-12. Percentage climbs even higher among participants who work part-time with Employment Partners.

National Recognition

Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection's innovative design and remarkable results have earned acclaim from organizations and initiatives including the *American Youth Policy Forum*, *National Center on Education and the Economy*, the *Social Impact Exchange* and *My Brother's Keeper*. Your support can help this high-performing social program do even more for youth in need.

Participating School Districts

Hillside Work-Scholarship currently serves students in the following districts:

- Rochester City School District
- Gates-Chili Central School District
- Syracuse City School District
- Prince George's County Public Schools, Maryland
- Binghamton City School District
- Union-Endicott Central School District



"I never thought I could go to college. Now I've been accepted to a PhD program. I'm a living, breathing product of Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection. And it took one Youth Advocate to believe in me. Where would I be now without that? I don't know."

*Carmona Ross
HW-SC Class of 1998*

The Impact of Your Support

Hillside programs and services make a powerful, proven difference for vulnerable young people and families. Your philanthropic support of Hillside's mission makes you a partner in our work. Giving to Hillside changes individual lives and strengthens whole communities.

Your donation in support of Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection will help more students unlock the power of their potential and embrace the opportunities of graduation, college and career.